

JONATHAN SKINNER—HEIRS OF.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 430.]

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MARCH 23, 1860.

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MR. BRIGGS, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Serepta Cleveland, daughter of Jonathan Skinner, deceased, late of Springfield, Essex county, New Jersey, asking compensation for a dwelling-house and other property burnt by the British troops, in consequence of their military occupancy by the troops of the United States in the war of the revolution, report:*

That it is shown by the petition and accompanying evidence that Jonathan Skinner was a sergeant in the American army, and the owner of a dwelling-house and other property, in Springfield, New Jersey; that the dwelling-house and other buildings were taken possession of by the United States troops, and occupied as a hospital, guard-house, and commissary storehouse, for some time before and during the battle of Springfield; and that the British troops on their retreat after the battle of Springfield, burnt the buildings so occupied, and other valuables belonging to the said Jonathan Skinner, in consequence of such occupancy. The value of the property destroyed is shown to have been £482 ls. 4d., by the certified copy of the amount of loss sustained, as ascertained under the authority of the legislature of New Jersey, May 11, 1789, and placed on record, as appears by the certificate of the secretary of state and governor of New Jersey, under their seals, which certificate also shows the fact that the same has not been paid or satisfied. Your committee being satisfied of all these facts report the accompanying bill and recommend its passage.

